

Hurricane Harvey Response 2017 and

Community Liaison (CL) Report

TO: Alpha Team Leader

FROM: CL Team: Dornelle Harrison, David Robertson

SUBJECT: Summary of Activities by the Team on September 22, 2017

COUNTY: San Patricio County, Texas

DATE: 09/22/2017

Port Aransas

- Significant debris along roadside. Some appears well segregated:
 - Paint and chemicals
 - Vegetation
 - White goods



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- Some poorly segregated piles were noted.



- The team visited the Port Aransas EOC at the Port Aransas City Hall and Civic Center (710 West Avenue A). The team met with Rick Adams (361 331 8353). The team asked Mr. Adams about debris segregation and removal and Mr. Adams stated that their city was working closely with TCEQ. Mr. Adams further stated that the city water system survived the storm and is operating. Mr. Adams requested EPA approved guidance be emailed. The guidance was emailed on 9/22 along with a link to the EPA Harvey webpage.
- The team visited the Port Arthur FEMA DRC (corner of Alister Street and Brundrett Ave). The team met with Isabella Coleman (347 906 4954). Ms. Coleman stated that FEMA's Mitigation

Specialist was out sick today. The team volunteered to sit in their location and provide EPA approved guidance if the Mitigation Specialist is out again. D. Robertson provided his contact information. Otherwise, Ms. Coleman stated that they did not have room to house EPA at their facility.

- The team visited “Camp David” in Port Arthur. This camp provides free food for volunteers and residents. The team met OSHA Industrial Hygienist Krystal Fuentes (787 661 6080) and Ruth Lewis (214 769 3834). The OSHA personnel are handing out free PPE at the camp (safety glasses and gloves). OSHA was also providing documentation on mold mitigation and general safety guidance.

Aransas Pass

The team met with Joann Buchannan (361 561 7657) of the Coastal Bend Food Bank. Ms. Buchannan’s team had recently completed an organized food donation event that was very well attended. Ms. Buchannan stated that there would be another food donation event run by the San Antonio Food Bank on Monday at the Fairgrounds in Rockport. Mr. Buchannan suggested calling her for updates on time and location if we wish to be present.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

- Who is leading the charge to help cities organize debris removal and disposal?

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Significant mold concerns from 99% of constituents that contact FEMA in Port Arthur according to DRC manager in Port Arthur.
- Many residents of Port Arthur have been made homeless by storm damage.
- Debris pick up and management in Port Arthur.